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FOREST FIRES ARE REPORTED TO BE SERIOUS

Warning Issued by Weather Bureau of Danger Today and Tomorrow.

MILL IS BURNED

Machinery and Equipment of Mill Near Glendale Burned Today; Many Fires Reported.

FOREST FIRE SITUATION.

Vaughan Harold Mill at Glendale destroyed by fire at noon today, with loss of approximately \$10,000. Incendiary fire burning on Nickle mountain near mines east of Riddle. Fire covering 40 acres. Two bad fires on Lane-Douglas line, threatening valuable Douglas county timber. Fifteen acre fire burning on Brush Creek near Elkton. New fire starting on Middle Creek east of Riddle. Weather Bureau issues warning of extremely low humidity for next few days, creating grave danger.

COOLIDGE HOPES COAL MINERS CAN REACH AGREEMENT

A new fire was reported at 12:40 p. m. today on Middle Creek east of Riddle. It is in the mining district and threatens valuable property. A serious situation exists near the boundary between Douglas and Lane county, in the London district. Two fires are burning there, one of more than 100 acres in extent, while the other one, two miles away, is smaller, but is a large and dangerous fire. They are both in the Lane county district, but it is feared that they will reach the line, as they are close to the boundary and appear to be gaining headway. A report from Glendale at 1:30 this afternoon contained the news of the destruction of the Vaughan Harold mill, on Quine's Creek. The mill, which had a capacity of between fifteen and twenty thousand feet, is in the process of being destroyed. The loss will probably run around \$10,000. The fire situation on the national forest is not so serious as at present. Ranger O. C. Houser, central dispatcher, reported that there are no fires burning on the forest now, but the lookouts are instructed to be on the alert, as the conditions are right for the starting and spread of fires. The lookouts are greatly handicapped by smoke, he reports. The atmosphere is so thick with smoke that their vision is extremely limited, and it is a difficult matter to spot small fires, so that they are apt to gain good headway before being discovered. Yesterday and today have been extremely low in humidity, and unless there is a shift in the wind, which is not expected, tomorrow will be even worse, the weather bureau reports. As a result of this condition people going to the forests are urged to use extreme care with fire. Camp fires should be carefully watched.

TRUSTY ESCAPES FROM OREGON PEN

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5.—Floyd Hall, a trusty at the state prison, escaped last night while he was at work on the prison lawn. He was seen about 7:30 but was missing at the 8 o'clock count. He was received at the prison September 29, 1922, from Umatilla county to serve six years on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was recommended for conditional pardon December 4 last.

MRS. COOLIDGE IS SWIMMING PUPIL

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 5.—Finding the waters of an ocean swimming pool near White Court to her liking, Mrs. Coolidge is learning to be a real swimmer. Under the tutelage of Miss Mary Herman, of West Medford, Mass., an expert swimmer, who is spending the summer on the north shore, the wife of the president today went through the elementary stages of the side stroke which she is attempting to master.

FALL ON MOUNTAIN KILLS PORTLANDER

JACKSON, Wyo., Aug. 5.—Theodore Temple, of Portland, Oregon, was killed by a fall down Grand Teton mountain near here today. He was descending from the top of the peak which he had climbed with a group of companions. Rescue parties late today had been unable to extricate his body, which had dropped over a cliff onto small ledge.

SHIP SINKS: CREW SOMEWHERE AT SEA

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 5.—A wireless message was received this afternoon by the Palm Beach Radio Corporation that the Spanish schooner Gabriel Palmer has sunk off the Bahama Islands. The message was broadcast by an unidentified vessel, giving warning to other ships to be on the lookout for the crew of the sunken ship.

BARLEY AND WHEAT SHOWINGS ARE O. K.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—With the harvest well advanced and considerable threshing already done, wheat yields are proving all that was expected, says the weekly crop report issued here today. Reports coming in from sections where threshing is completed show an average well around 25 bushels to the acre. Barley yields, too, are good in the principal producing sections, although there are some fields of both wheat and barley that are poor.

PRUNE MEN TO HOLD MEETING THURSDAY P. M.

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OAKLAND MEN ACT

Definite steps looking toward the organization of the prune growers of the Roseburg vicinity into an association, to work for the collective packing and bargaining of the prune crops of the members, are expected to be taken at the meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the City Hall. The Oakland growers have already organized, with T. B. Garrison, F. Fortin and A. L. Mallory as incorporators, the name of the organization being the Umpqua Co-operative Prune Growers.

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State Taking Inning in Resisting Attempts to Save Life of Murderer. (Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—William Wallace, a jail officer who guarded Russell Scott in the death room, testifying for the prosecution in Scott's sanity hearing today, said he found the prisoner "as sane as anyone could be under the circumstances." The court ordered the qualifications stricken from the record on the ground that a layman is not competent to qualify his observations of a person's sanity. Four other jailers testified that they believed Scott was sane. Assistant State Attorney Harry N. Pritzker had a list of fifty jailers ready to testify, but Judge David limited him to 10 lay witnesses and five alienists. In probably another day a jury will consider whether Russell Scott is sane and should be hung or mentally deficient, and if found immune from the execution of the death sentence, from which he twice narrowly has escaped. The defense alienists have finished their testimony that he suffers from delusions, paranoid mentalia and is not oriented to his surroundings in jail. Evidence as to his mental condition has been limited to matters tending to establish development since February 14 last, when he was sentenced to die. This restriction, imposed by Judge Joseph B. David, was made when attorneys for Scott sought to bring out by testimony that he had an hereditary basis for mental disorders and that circumstances attending his birth were unusual. The proffered testimony of Mrs. Tilla Scott, his mother, was held incompetent. At this state conference the value of the work was so keenly appreciated, that it was proposed to hold a like conference in each county of the state, and fourteen such surveys and conferences have already been held. As Douglas county has already advanced so far in its work along this line, the first conference for the present year is to be held in Roseburg, followed by similar meetings in Coos, Columbia, and Morrow counties. As a result of the work undertaken by the Oregon Agricultural college, other states are adopting the plan, which was original in this state. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has likewise followed the lead of Oregon, its regional conferences, such as the one recently held in Portland, following out the idea of the state college, only linking up the agricultural problems with the commercial work of the nation. In the county conferences the work becomes of a more definite and specific nature. A county general chairman is appointed, who in this county is R. A. Busenbark. Several projects, covering commercial crops and basic agricultural products are then outlined. For the coming conference the projects will include horticulture, livestock, farm crops, dairying, poultry, vegetable growing, fishing, forestry and lumbering. C. A. Brand is chairman of the committee on horticulture; C. L. Beckley, livestock; G. W. Burr, poultry; and Carl Neal, forestry. Other chairmen are yet to be named. The chairmen will call together the various representative men engaged in each of the respective industries, and a preliminary conference will be held by each of these groups, taking up matters relating directly to their own project. They will consider the statistical data which will be furnished them by the college, and with such information as may be obtained covering Douglas county, will formulate a program, which will include not only a census as regards the county, but will also take in recommendations for future action. The general conference will be divided into sections, and those interested in any definite industry will join the committee in considering the preliminary report. At the general gathering a final report will be prepared, which will take into consideration the national state (Continued on Page 8)

GRANGE FLOWER SHOW AT DRAIN ON AUGUST 8

The Drain Grange flower show for August will be held in the Drain park pavilion Saturday, August 8. To accommodate people living out of town the entry clerk will receive flowers as late as one o'clock.

5 KILLED, OTHERS HURT BY COLLAPSE OF A BRICK HOUSE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.—Firemen digging today in a twisted mass of rubbish and debris recovered two bodies, bringing the total to five persons who lost their lives in the collapse of a three-story brick rooming house yesterday. Nearly a dozen persons were injured.

CAR COLLIDE IN FOG; 10 INJURED

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Two street cars collided in a fog on a single track line on the far south side and only a few miles from the Indiana state line, resulting in injury to ten persons, two perhaps fatally. The crash was head on, neither motorman being able to see the other's car until too late to stop.

BYRD NOMINEE IN VIRGINIA CONTEST

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 5.—Harry Flood Byrd, of Winchester, was named today as the gubernatorial nominee of the State of Virginia, in complete returns from yesterday's primary giving him a majority over G. Walter Mapp, of Accomac, estimated at between thirty and forty thousand.

CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION ALONG LINES RECENTLY PROPOSED IS EXPECTED.

Complete Incorporation for Purpose of Packing and Bargaining Prune Crops of Members.

SON KILLS FATHER AND DUMPS BODY INTO WELL; OFFICERS AT FIRST FOOLED BY FALSEHOOD

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 5.—Adolph S. Smetak, 22-year old farmer youth, was being held at the Nebraska state penitentiary here today pending probable charges of first degree murder. Smetak, county officers say, confessed last night that he had killed his father, John Smetak, 67, and had thrown the body in a well on the farm on which they lived near Wahoo. The body was found by county officers Tuesday afternoon and was in a tool house in the Wahoo cemetery awaiting burial. Late last night, however, the building was mysteriously fired and the body was burned almost beyond recognition. The elder Smetak disappeared last March 12 and the son told farmer neighbors that he had gone to Europe. Neighbors and county authorities accepted the explanation temporarily, but later began to doubt the story, especially as they said they previously had complaints from the boy's father that "he was afraid" of his son. Tuesday, the county attorney, sheriff and several other county officials came to the Smetak farm with a liquor search warrant and found the decomposed body of the elder Smetak in a well on the farm. Confronted with the body, he was accused of the murder and confessed, the county attorney said, that he and his father had quarreled and that he had struck his father on the head with a hammer and then dumped the body in the well. He was rushed to the state penitentiary here for safe keeping as feeling is said to be strong at Wahoo.

MUCH INSURED MAN MURDERED AIDE, THEORY

Unknown Who Answered His Advertisement Likely Charred Corpse. EVIDENCE IS STRONG "Brumfieldian" Chemist, Insured for \$100,000, Sought by Police of Berkeley. (Associated Press Leased Wire.) MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 5.—Search of a safety deposit box belonging to Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist of the Pacific Cellulose company, for whom a warrant of murder has been issued in connection with the explosion in the laboratory of the plant, which led to the finding of an unidentified body in the partially destroyed room, revealed today that Schwartz had left two unsigned wills. Both documents bearing recent date left all of his property to his wife or to their children in the event that she remarried. The search failed to disclose any formula for the manufacture of silk, which Schwartz was supposed to have perfected. Efforts to identify the body, first thought by the police to have been that of the chemist, as that of an itinerant laborer believed to have come from New York, continued